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SUBJECT:LUERS/GRIGOROV MEETING, MARCH 1

REF: SOFIA 0328

1. BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV MET WITH EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS, EUR/EE DIRECTOR, AND BULGARIAN DESK OFFICER ON MARCH 1. DISCUSSION INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

2. CHANCERY PROBLEM - LUERS EXPLAINED THAT PROTOCOL, NOT EUR, IS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN STATE TO HELP THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY. GRIGOROV INDICATED AN INTEREST IN ACQUIRING BOTH A NEW RESIDENCE AND A NEW CHANCERY. ANDREWS BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE MECHANISM WHEREBY, IF THE TIMING WERE RIGHT, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO EXCHANGE SITES OR BUILDINGS BUT STATED THAT WE HAD FOUND NOTHING SUITABLE IN SOFIA YET.

3. PAPAZOV VISIT - LUERS ASKED ABOUT PAPAZOV'S REACTION TO HIS RECENT VISIT AND MENTIONED NSF'S SATISFACTION WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NSF-SCSTP AGREEMENT. GRIGOROV SAID PAPAZOV HAD BEEN QUITE PLEASED WITH THE VISIT.

4. KRUSTEV VISIT - GRIGOROV SAID BULGARIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KRUSTEV WOULD LIKE TO TOUR THE US IN JUNE. ANDREWS SUGGESTED A 10-DAY TOUR. MESSAGE REPORTING USDA'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF KRUSTEV VISIT BEING SENT BY

SEPTTEL.

5. LUERS VISIT - LUERS SAID HE WOULD VISIT EUROPE IN LATE MAY AND HOPED TO STOP IN SOFIA DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.

6. BONDS - LUERS NOTED OUR PLEASURE AT GOB'S DECISION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON BONDS AND SAID A SETTLEMENT MIGHT HELP IN OBTAINING MFN FOR BULGARIA.

7. REGARDING COMMEMORATION OF SAN STEFANO (REF), GRIGOROV LATER TOLD ANDREWS AND GLENN THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY, SUFFERING FROM LACK OF RESOURCES, PLANS NO SPECIAL CEREMONY BUT MAY SHOW A MOVIE, ETC.

8. ANDREWS AND GLENN SUGGESTED USG OFFICIALS IN OTHER EXECUTIVE AGENCIES ON WHOM GRIGOROV MIGHT WANT TO CALL. HIS NEXT APPOINTMENT IN STATE IS WITH EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST ON MARCH 10. CHRISTOPHER

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